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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

DEBALME, Jean-Paul et al.

: EXAMINER: AFTERGUT, J

SERIAL NO: 08/913,518

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: GROUP ART UNIT: 1733

FOR: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR THE

MANUFACTURE OF A COMPOSITE MATERIAL

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.132

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

The undersigned, DEBALME Jean-Paul, herein declares as follows:

1. That I am one of the inventors named in this application.
2. That I am presently employed as an engineer by the assignee of record of the Application, VETROTEX France S.A. (hereinafter "VETROTEX").
3. That I received a degree of Engineer from the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Arts et Métiers - Paris (France) in 1966. I have since 1969 been employed at VETROTEX as an engineer.

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4. That I am familiar with both the French specification of the international application originally filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and its English translation subsequently filed under 35 U.S.C. §371.

5. That the international application in French discloses the French word "plaque" in page 3, lines 12, 16, page 7, lines 2, 5, page 8, line 2, page 9, lines 16, 18, page 10, lines 13, 17, page 11, line 31, page 12, line 9, 11, page 13, line 7. The definition of "plaque" is given in the reference "Grand Larousse, vol. 4, p. 2418 (1987) as follows: "une feuille de matière quelconque, pleine, large et peu épaisse, mais rigide" (emphasis added with underline). The French word "pleine" with respect to material according to the same reference means "qui est fait dans un matériau qui ne comporte pas de vide" (emphasis added with underline). The underlined phrase "pas de vide" literally translates to "no empty space".

6. That the international application in French discloses that the "plaque" mentioned above under 5. may be obtained from a "produit plan" in page 13, line 6. The definition of the adjective "plan" is given in the reference "Grand Larousse, vol. 4, p. 2414 (1987) as follows: "qui est plat, uni, sans inégalités de niveau" (emphasis added with underline). The French word "uni" literally translates to "even". Therefore, the specification adequately provides support and description for the claimed subject matter in such a way to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventors had possession of the claimed subject matter at the time the present application was filed.

7. The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that wilful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or

imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

DEBALME Jean-Paul

Date 2003 August 6

Attachment: Grand Larousse en 5 volumes, Ed. Larousse, vol. 4; p. 2418, 2414 (1987).

